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For: REPLACEABLE BRAKE MECHANISM FOR POWER EQUIPMENT

To: Commissioner for Patents
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SECOND AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 3-5, 8 and 9 without prejudice. Applicant is canceling these claims to defer a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection that has been raised in another application, even though applicant traverses that double patenting rejection. Applicant may present these claims or similar claims in another application, and if so, applicant can address the double patenting issue at that time. Applicant is also amending claims 24-26 to defer any double patenting issue and to correct typographical mistakes. The current claims are reproduced below.